



## DOMAINE ORATOIRE SAINT-MARTIN

### Cairanne Rouge 'Haut Coustias'

*The finest leaders lead by example, and that is exactly what Frédéric and François Alary of Oratoire Saint-Martin in Cairanne have done for decades. Their personal modesty belies their unparalleled talent in crafting organically raised wines that speak of southern landscapes and summer-ripe flavors. The best wines of Cairanne are marked above all by an effortless finesse in both perfume and flavor. While other lower-land southern Rhône struggle with heat and higher alcohol, Cairanne's top wines from its chalky hills are poised and pure. This character is preserved faithfully at Oratoire; here the soul of the wine comes directly from the soil and the vine.*



**WINERY:** Domaine L'Oratoire Saint-Martin

**WINEMAKERS:** Frédéric and François Alary (brothers)

**ESTABLISHED:** 1692

**REGION:** FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Cairanne

**APPELLATION:** Cairanne AOC

**BLEND:** 60% Mourvèdre, 20% Grenache and 20% Syrah

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards are located in the northeastern part of Cairanne, on a series of hills locally referred to as the "mountain." Soils are a unique mix of clay and chalk; the combination of mineral soils and high-altitude means flavorful, ripe yet balanced wines with moderate levels of alcohol. The lieu-dit 'Haut Coustias' faces full south.

**AGE OF VINES:** 70 to 90 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in foudre. Aged in foudre for 24 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of red summer berries, violets, a touch of nutmeg. Full-bodied, peppery; red plums, blackberries, licorice.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled lamb; red meats; braised pork belly



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